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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Mode of Presidential Approval on Findings and MONs

1. I spoke to NSC/Jim Radzinski today in the context of HPSCI Chairman Boland's 14 November letter concerning Subject. Noting that Presidential approval of Findings is conveyed by Presidential signature, I said that such approval for MONs reaches us in all cases via a brief memorandum signed by the President's National Security Advisor "FOR THE PRESIDENT." I do not know how the President conveys that approval to Mr. McFarlane.

2. Radzinski said that MONs are submitted to the President with a covering memorandum prepared by the NSC staff reflecting the positions taken by NSPG principals. The President, "in all cases," per Jim, records his approval or disapproval of the MON proposal by writing his initials. The document thus initialed is retained by the NSC staff and provides documentary record of the Presidential approval.



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